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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SORAOKA et al

Serial No.: 10/826,386

Filed: April 19, 2004.

For: Vacuum Processing Apparatus And Semiconductor
Manufacturing Line Using The Same

Art Unit: 3652

Examiner: T. Brahan

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 18, 2006

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the one month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed May 18, 2006.

A payment in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.34692V17).

Respectfully submitted,

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